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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Public Notice of Draft NPDES Permit and Public Hearing
August 25, 1998

This is to give notice that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, has formulated a Draft Permit for the following facilities under the Sewage Sludge program. Development of the draft permit was based on a preliminary staff review by EPA, Region 6.

EPA Region 6 is proposing a general sewage sludge permit regulating the final reuse and disposal of municipal sewage sludge in the State of Arkansas. The permit will cover treatment works treating domestic sewage (TWTDS). TWTDS are defined as a publicly owned treatment work (POTW) or any other sewage sludge or waste water treatment device or system (including federal facilities) used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage, including land dedicated for the disposal of sewage sludge.

This general permit applies to all POTWs with appropriate permit applications on file. Other existing and new TWTDS are also covered by the proposed permit. The Federal Register notice of August 25, 1998 (FRL#6147-6) states that comments are due by October 26, 1998, 60 days from the publication date in the Federal Register.

The permit will become effective 30 days after the date of publication of the EPA's final permit decision.

EPA's contact person for submitting written comments, requesting information regarding the draft permit, and/or obtaining copies of the entire preamble and permit, and the Fact Sheet is:

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EPA's comments and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR 124.10 and 124.12 (48 Federal Register 14264, April 1, 1983, 48 FR 30115, June 30, 1983, as amended at 53 Federal Register 28147, July 26, 1988). A public meeting and hearing is scheduled for September 30, 1998, at the following location:

La Quinta Inn-Otter Creek
11701 Interstate 30
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
Telephone (501) 455-2300

The public meeting will begin at 3:00 pm and end at 5:00 pm. The public hearing will begin at 7:00 pm. Registration for the public hearing will begin at 6:30 pm.

EPA will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. A final permit decision means a final decision to issue, deny, modify, revoke or reissue, or terminate a permit. Further information including the administrative record may be viewed at the above address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is recommended that you write or call to the contact above for an appointment, so the record(s) will be available at your convenience. In addition, the fact sheet and general sewage sludge permit can be viewed on the EPA Region 6 web page at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6wq/npdes/genpermt.htm>.